

第80篇 [相信有鬼乎 ? ] [Believe in Ghost? ]

命題大意：詢問對鬼怪的感覺。

寫作大意：說明個人的觀感。

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Do you believe in ghost or evil spirit? Would you be willing to spend a night alone in a remote house that is supposedly haunted?

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Basically, because of the scientific education received and the atheistic evidence experienced in my life, I don't believe in the existence of any ghost or spirit. However, implanted with the impressions of ghosts and spirits from the very infancy time, I have the fear and mystification about them. Unless absolutely necessary, I would never be willing to spend a night in a remote house supposedly haunted. However, supposedly as a refugee in the wartime under bad weather, any timid person might be compelled to enter a formidable house as a shelter. At cozy life time, nobody would be willing to go to such place.

God, ghost and spirit are of a same group of the fabulous and abstract, being imaginable but not touchable. They are equivalent to the sages, ordinary people and living creatures in the reality world. Logically, something invisible doesn't mean they do not exist. People believing in God are to secure peace of mind. They cannot deny the existence of ghost and spirit co-exist with God. That is especially true in the mind of religious people.

Ancient Chinese people feared and respected the God and Ghost including spirit but did not have the sense of religion. The first religion imported to China from India was the Buddhism in 67AC. Confucius taught people respect God and Ghost but keep a remote distance with them. He once said: "While we are busy enough to deal with the human affairs, we don't have much time to do with the ghosts and gods."

I am neither atheistic nor theistic absolutely. I fear of formidable environment and things intruding into my sensation. Suppose facing dead person that suddenly rouses up, stares at and grasps on you, even the bravest person would be scared to yell and tremble.